

Prevent Drownings! Watch Your Kids Around Water!

Summer Safety Saturday -- a Fun Learning Experience

Learn CPR and other valuable information to help protect your family at

"Summer Safety Saturday" scheduled for Saturday,

April 30 from 9 a.m. to noon at Loma Linda Park/Pool, 450 E. Loma Linda Blvd., in Goodyear.



Hosted by the cities of Goodyear, Avondale, and Tolleson, along with representatives from Luke Air Force Base and Estrella Mountain Community College, this is a fun family event.

Highlights of the day include a free lunch, Police K-9

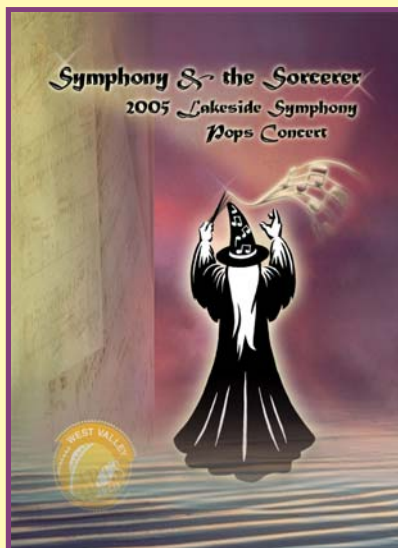
demonstrations, clowns, car seat checks, free immunizations, bike helmet giveaways, swimming, water-safety information, face-painting and displays of fire department trucks and apparatus.



The city pool will be open during the event free of charge.

For more information, please contact Dr. Jeff Thomas at 623.882.7304.

"Symphony and the Sorcerer" -- Phoenix Symphony To Perform Lakeside at Estrella Mountain Ranch



Join the West Valley Arts Council (WVAC) and The Phoenix Symphony for an evening of music, magic and mystery at the *2005 Lakeside Symphony Pops Concert*, Saturday, May 7 at Estrella Mountain Ranch. The event attracts thousands of families each year and will be held at the Lakeside Amphitheater, 10300 S. Estrella Parkway, nestled in the heart of Estrella Mountain Ranch.

This year's theme, "*Symphony and the Sorcerer*," promises an evening of enchanting music under the direction of Resident Conductor Robert Moody. From Mussorgsky's haunting composition *Night on Bald Mountain* to the musical scores of

blockbuster movies like *The Lord of the Rings* and *Harry Potter*, audiences of all ages will be transported to a world of musical illusion and sorcery.

The event features a variety of activities for audience members including a pre-concert performance by the *Symphonic Winds*, a fun-filled educational area complete with youth arts activities, an instrument petting zoo and a magic show. Families are welcome to pack a picnic basket. Food, wine and beer will be available for purchase. A fireworks display during the symphony encore will conclude the evening.

Gates open at 4:00 p.m. with the *Symphonic Winds* opening the event at 5:15 p.m. The Phoenix Symphony will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. Designated blanket and low lawn chair seating is available. Pre-sale tickets, through May 6th at 3 p.m., are \$15 for adults; \$10 juniors 11-16; and children 10 and under free. Adult ticket prices at the gate are \$20. VIP table seating with a catered dinner is available for \$125 per person. Tickets are available for purchase by calling the WVAC at 623.935.6384 or visiting www.ticketweb.com.

Estrella Mountain Ranch (EMR) residents may purchase tickets at discounted rates through the Estrella Mountain Ranch Community Service office.

The *2005 Lakeside Symphony Pops Concert* is generously sponsored by Estrella Mountain Ranch and the City of Goodyear with additional support by T.W. Lewis and Ashton Woods Homes, Engle Homes and Southwest Gas.

Take 1-10 west to Estrella Parkway, exit 126, and head south six miles to Estrella Mountain Ranch. For more information, call WVAC at 623.935.6384 or visit www.westvalleyarts.com.



Mayor Jim Cavanaugh

Though you wouldn't believe it by watching me huffing and puffing rounding third base, I have always believed in physical fitness. During my years in the military, physical fitness was a must and it was pretty easy to stay fit. While raising children, I always encouraged them to be active and engaged in healthy activities with them as they were growing up. Fortunately, I see them raising our grandchildren the same way.

However, after retirement from the Air Force, I've found that I have to really concentrate on staying fit, and evidently I'm not concentrating enough, or I need to stop concentrating and start doing. I played quite a bit of softball and still try to, although it's not as easy with my business and mayoral obligations. I'm probably like many of you. We're all so busy living our lives, we don't seem to have enough time

Mayor's Physical Fitness Project

to take care of ourselves. But – it's important that we do!

As Mayor of the City of Goodyear, I believe a healthy community makes for a more sustainable community. That's why I have decided to form a new recreational opportunity that promotes physical fitness in our city. I believe that by trying to set a good example, we can reinforce the importance of being fit to those throughout our community, including our children and grandchildren.

We can do it in a way that is fun, while at the same time exploring the beautiful mountain areas surrounding our community. This new fitness opportunity, called "Take a hike . . . with the Mayor" will begin in mid-May as a part of our Recreation Department's Special Interest Classes.

Being physically fit may mean a change in the lifestyle and culture of each individual citizen, our families, and our communities. Real lifestyle changes are more likely to stick with us if they are fun, enjoyable, and introduce us to new friends. Important changes mean taking care of yourself

and your family: start moving every day; eat a healthy diet; get screened for high blood pressure and diabetes; and don't expose yourself to high risk situations and behaviors.

While you and your family, your neighbors, friends, co-workers, and colleagues start to incorporate these healthy activities, plan to take a hike . . . with me. The City has partnered with West Valley Hospital to make this a success. The plan is to start with hikes to local mountain ranges. Then, as the word spreads and popularity expands, we will offer more hikes and expand our hiking area to other Arizona mountain ranges, both within the Metro Phoenix area and north and south of the Valley. Specific information is available below and on our website www.goodyearaz.gov.

When people want to improve and make a serious commitment to be more physically active, you will begin to see marked improvements in their health and well-being. I would like to see this new recreational opportunity help propel us toward becoming a healthier community. I hope you will consider joining me on the mountains.

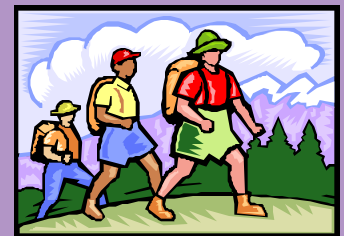
Take a Hike . . . with the Mayor

The first hike of the series will be Saturday morning, May 14th on the Baseline Trail in the beautiful Estrella Mountains right here in Goodyear. It will be 2.3 miles round trip on an easy trail that goes along a route that is the same alignment as Baseline Rd. – thus, the name "Baseline Trail." A park interpretive ranger will accompany the group to answer questions about the park, the trail, birds and nature.

Courtesy of the West Valley Hospital, water, snacks and a "Hike with the Mayor" t-shirt will be provided to each participant in this physical fitness project. To cover the additional costs of city staff time, van transportation, and park entry fees, each hiker is being charged \$5.

The hike will begin in the park at 8 a.m. and should take about 1 ½ hour. It is suggested that everyone meet in the City Hall parking lot at 190 N. Litchfield Rd. at 7:30 a.m., so you can ride in the vans together to the park. If you choose instead to meet the group in the park, you will have to pay a \$5 vehicle entry fee at the park entrance.

Registration for the hike began April 25th and ends May 11th. For more information, call Mark Kimball at 623-882-7534.





Goodyear City Council

(L to R): Sue Linney, Vice Mayor
Dick Sousa, Fred Scott, Mayor
Jim Cavanaugh, Rob Antoniak,
Ken Porter and Frank Cavalier.

Council Calendar

City Council Meetings and Work
Sessions are held at the Goodyear
Justice Facility, 986 S. Litchfield Rd.

Mon., April 25

Work Session - 5 p.m.
Regular Meeting - 6 p.m.

Mon., May 2

Work Session - 5 p.m.

Mon., May 9

Regular Meeting - 6 p.m.

Mon., May 16

Special Meeting - 6 p.m.

Mon., May 23

Regular Meeting - 6 p.m.

Winter Visitors . . . Temporarily Stop Trash Collection in Summer

If you leave the Valley and lock up your home for several months of the year (i.e. "winter visitors"), please call 623-932-3015 about the Summer Furlough Program.

West Nile Virus Watch Begins . . .

Maricopa County and Goodyear are getting an early start on combating the West Nile virus this year. And you can help by becoming better educated on how to prevent the spread of the potentially serious virus.



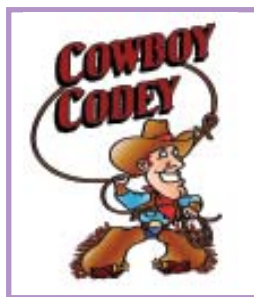
West Nile virus is most often spread by the bite of mosquitoes that have become infected from feeding on infected birds. While most people suffer no symptoms or mild symptoms after they become infected, a small number of them become seriously ill with high fevers, headaches, disorientation, tremors, convulsions and coma.

The County plans to monitor and test mosquitoes, use larvae-eating bacteria in standing water to kill them and fog some areas with pesticides. However, officials say they are hopeful that the public will become more educated on how to prevent the virus so they can reduce the number of neighborhoods that will require fogging.

There are simple steps to protecting you and your family against West Nile Virus:

- 1) **Fight the Bite** – Because mosquitoes are most active at dusk and dawn:
 - Use insect repellent and wear long sleeves and pants during these times.
 - Wear light-colored clothing that can help you see mosquitoes that land on you.
 - Consider staying indoors during peak mosquito activity.
- 2) **Help your community**
 - Notify the County of green pools or mosquito problems in your neighborhood.
 - Assist neighbors in ridding their yards of standing water.
 - Report dead birds to the County.

For more information or to file complaints, call 602-506-0700 or visit www.maricopa.gov/wnv.



Cowboy Codey Sez . . .
"Stop the West Nile Virus-
Mosquito Proof Your Home"

- Keep your swimming pools, spas, decorative ponds and fountains clean and operational.
- Eliminate standing water that can collect and breed mosquitoes. Empty old tires, buckets, wheelbarrows, gutters and pet dishes, wading pools, birdbaths, plant pots or drip trays every four to five days. Drain standing puddles, ditches, tree holes or tree stumps as often.
- Have good screens on your windows and doors to keep mosquitoes out and properly maintain your evaporative cooler.
- Adjust sprinklers to avoid over watering landscaping.

Water Saving Tips for Swimming Pools

Swimming season is right around the corner. Following is a list of water saving tips for pool owners:

- Cover the pool
 - ✓ The average uncovered pool loses one inch of water per week
 - ✓ Covering the pool can save 95% of water lost to evaporation
 - ✓ Covering conserves heat
 - ✓ Covering prevents accidents
 - ✓ Covering reduces cleaning
- Lower the pool's water to reduce losses from splashing
 - ✓ Recommendations are to keep water level one inch above the bottom of the tile
- Lower the pool temperature in heated pools
 - ✓ Reducing the temperature reduces water lost to evaporation, and it's particularly important when the pool is not being used
- Backwash only when necessary
- Check regularly for cracks and leaks
- Keep the pool and filters clean to reduce frequency of filter backwashing
- Run filter backwash onto lawns and shrubs or collect the water for reuse
- Ensure that water is absorbed before it leaves your property and avoid allowing runoff to enter adjacent properties or the street
- If acid has been used to clean the pool, the water should be neutralized before backwashing

Job Openings

Visit the City of Goodyear Web site at www.goodyearaz.gov or call the City's 24-hour hotline, **623-932-1716**, for job listings. Goodyear accepts applications only for open positions. The Human Resources Office is located at 190 N. Litchfield Rd. Phone 623-882-7752. TTY 623-932-6500. **EEO/M/F/V/H/D.**

Goodyear Receives National Award for 2004-05 Budget Document

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada announced the City of Goodyear's 2004-05 Budget has received the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

In order to win the award, Goodyear had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines assess how well a City's budget serves as: 1) a policy document, 2) a financial plan, 3) an operations guide and 4) a communications guide.

This is the 8th time that the City of Goodyear's budget document has received this GFOA award.

Report Garbage Truck Fluid Spills

It is not uncommon for garbage trucks to develop engine or hydraulic leakage. At times these fluids may leak onto the pavement. If you notice a leaking garbage truck, please call Sanitation at 623.932.1637.

The most important piece of information you can report is the street address or business location. The name on the truck would be helpful - City of Goodyear, City Waste or Paradise Waste. A truck number or license plate number are also helpful.

The spill will be taken care of as soon as possible by applying an absorbent material or by professionally jet-cleaning the surface if staining has already occurred.

Historic Goodyear Volunteers Needed for Clean-Up on Sat., April 30

Historic Goodyear residents are planning a neighborhood clean-up. City staff will assist by removing uncontained trash that is collected.

Volunteers are needed. Please call Norma Chastain at 623.932.1453 and/or Rachelle Rothmeir at 623.628.1669 to offer assistance.

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